

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 6, 1973
7:00 P.M.

ELECTRIC AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro Tem Love presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

The Invocation was delivered by REVEREND CLARENCE M. WALTON, Trinity United Methodist Church.

CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL'S
POLICE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Lebermann moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Austin to participate in the Capital Area Planning Council's Police Technical Equipment Project after funding from the Governor's Office Texas Criminal Justice Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

BIDS REJECTED

Councilman Lebermann moved the Council adopt a resolution rejecting bids as received November 20, 1973, in connection with the following Parks and Recreation Department Project:

Miscellaneous Legacy of Parks Project

The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Councilman Friedman moved the Council adopt a resolution to consider the application of Bank of Austin for use of 5 feet of public right-of-way (2501 South Congress Avenue). The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Love brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:
(1) LOT 1, DENISE SUBDIVISION, SAVE AND EXCEPT, THE NORTHERN FORTY-FIVE (45) FEET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT; AND,
(2) THE NORTHERN FORTY-FIVE (45) FEET OF LOT 1, DENISE SUBDIVISION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT;
LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2106-2110 WEST ANDERSON LANE; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Lebermann moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilman Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

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LOT A, IDEA SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5501 CLAY AVENUE AND 1706-1708 HOUSTON STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ayes: Councilman Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann,
Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

PRICES FOR EVERGREEN CEMETERY

City Manager Davidson asked Mr. Joe Liro, Budget Director, to explain this request. Mr. Liro stated this ordinance sets the initial prices for lots which have not been subdivided previously in Evergreen Cemetery. The price levels are within the guidelines adopted by the City Council about a year ago when prices were considered. Councilman Lebermann recalled the guidelines as generated by the Council and noted these prices fall in line.

Councilman Lebermann moved the Council establish prices as follows:

Lots 24 through 36: \$100

Lots 37 through 119: \$140

The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

SPEED LIMITS FOR TRAINS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Mayor Pro Tem Love announced this item had to do with a request which he submitted to the City Manager regarding speed limits of trains within the City limits and that he had come up with a report. City Manager Davidson stated with the cooperation of the representatives of the railroads in Austin, and the Urban Transportation Department, they had conducted two studies as to the speeds that trains travel within the corporate limits. It has been pointed out by Mayor Pro Tem Love and a number of citizens that as the City grows out of what used to be a rural area and into residential development, that there may be some speed limits that are not in keeping with the residential area that is now abutting that railroad. At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Love, they intended to take the preliminary report, and the Urban Transportation Department along with the railroads would develop some recommendations toward amending the ordinance governing the speed of trains in the City of Austin. Mayor Pro Tem Love said he concurred with the City Manager's suggestion that a full report be submitted from Mr. Ternus and his office to the City Council and if it were determined that the speed limits of the trains should be altered that could be implemented. He wanted to offer an opportunity for anyone from the rail carriers to express themselves or visit with the City Manager before this matter is brought back to the Council.

A representative from the Railroad stated the Railroad would cooperate in any possible way it can. In line with the railroads, Councilman Dryden asked if there was some enforcement about trains blocking a crossing, for example on Koenig Lane. City Manager Davidson explained the railroad was established before the streets were crossing the tracks and normally, the City obtains an agreement from

the railroad in order to cross the tracks. The railroad reserves certain rights even though they try to cooperate and speed those crossings up. Because these crossings are inconvenient, where it's possible, the City would like to get the grade separations constructed. The railroad officials have been very responsive in connection with the extensive crossing signal program that the Council had approved as well as the school problems. Mayor Pro Tem Love stated that would be part of the observation recommendations that the City Manager will bring back to the Council.

NAMING THE LIBRARY BRANCH

Mr. David Holt, Librarian Director, stated the Library Commission discussed the naming of the branches as far as recommending alternate names to the Council, and in keeping with the traditional names of libraries, the Commission would concur with the idea of identifying the branch library by its location. Mayor Pro Tem Love read the recommendations: "Cherry Creek," "Manchaca Road," "Rice," and "Crockett."

Councilman Friedman moved the Council approve of naming the Public Library Branch the "Manchaca Road Branch Library," stating the concept of naming the branch library after the geographical area in this particular instance was important. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE BRACKENRIDGE TRACT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City Manager Davidson stated these observations and recommendations were passed on to the Council by the Parks Board. One has to do with the development of the Brackenridge tract now under discussion with the University of Texas. Their observations and comments are being followed by the Council's committee in dealing with the Board of Regents. The other has to do with some guidelines suggested for future consideration of the Council as to selecting park names for some of the new parks that are being acquired in connection with the Capital Improvements. Councilman Binder, in conjunction with the first report, stated there were comments about the 7.28 acres which will not be used for the operation of the golf course on the Brackenridge tract. He asked about the total area to be used on the golf course. Mr. Jack Robinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, estimated between 140 and 150 acres are being used for that golf course. Mr. Robinson estimated about 170 to 180 acres in the area are bounded by Exposition, Enfield and Lake Austin Boulevards. There are about 10 to 15 acres on the western end of the golf course that is used for other purposes and also the small tract down in the corner. The tract they were talking about is approximately 7 acres including the land that had originally been requested for the construction of a Chancellor's home which was not used for that purpose.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that as a result of the City Council's committee having worked on this, there would be a compiled report by the next afternoon which would be sent to the Council and there would be a small map accompanying the report. Councilman Lebermann stated that packet would be inclusive of the contracts which were finalized at their meeting last Monday, and which will be dealt with by the full Board of Regents and then by the Council. Councilman Lebermann stated that everyone, including the members of the Council, will be extremely proud of the job that City Manager Davidson and the City staff and the Regental staff has done on not just the two major items at issue, that being Red River and Muny, but also the other 32 or 33 items most of which are technical but have been pending since the 1940's in some instances. Councilman Friedman said he had seen the preliminary that afternoon and he would have some comments to make next week.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR NAMING NEW PARKS

City Manager Davidson reported the recommended procedure for naming new parks is basically a set of guidelines that the Parks and Recreation Board suggested that the Council consider. The Board feels that the geographic location would be the best way to name a park, even though they had a total of four considerations they suggested. They agree with the Council in naming the Manchaca Road Branch Library.

Councilman Lebermann moved the Council accept the Parks Board report with gratitude and anticipation of further Council review. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Dryden, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilman Lebermann
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilmen Binder, Handcox, Mayor Butler

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Love asked City Manager Davidson to find the source of and a complete list of and the responsibility of the various boards and commissions this Council names. City Manager Davidson submitted a suggestion as to how that might be recorded and brought to the attention of the Council in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council then adjourned.

APPROVED: Ray Butler
 Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk